

St. Casimir's Roman Catholic Church,
Rectory I
Cambria City Neighborhood
511 Power Street
Johnstown
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 511 Power Street, Cambria City, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Fine two-and-a-half-story Queen Anne-style house. Brick building on a stone basement, steeply hipped roof. Three-bay principal facade with a two-story canted bay to the right (west) of the central entrance. This projecting bay has a front gable. Paired flat-arched windows in the main facade with dormer window above. Shed-roofed front porch supported on double posts with round arches. The eaves of the porch rise to form a pediment at the entrance to the house. The building is almost square in plan, measuring 35' x 34'.

History: St. Casimir's parish was formed in 1901 and in that year two lots were purchased on which to build a church and rectory. The rectory was completed in the fall of 1902. It was used as a parsonage until 1912 when the present rectory was completed. This building was then used as a convent by the Franciscan Sisters of Kunegunda, who came to teach in St. Casimir's school (see HABS No. PA-5766). It is now used as a home to the retired parish priest.

Sources:

"Cambria County Historic Site Survey, Johnstown Inventory," Redevelopment Authority of Cambria County, 1981.

Golden Anniversary pamphlet, St. Casimir's Church, 1952.

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